

Modern Fables.

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The Modern Fable of the Taxpayers' Friend Who Ran to an Empty Grand Stand and Finished Outside the Money.

ONCE there was a Man who belonged to all the Secret Orders and looked like an Irishman and had a German name and employed a lot of Swede Help, so he received the Nomination for County Treasurer.

He was nominated the Night before the Convention by a large red Mind Reader, who knew what the People wanted before they found it out for themselves. He couldn't have been elected Constable on his own Hook, as he had a Record that included Grave Robbing, Bruce Part and Second Story Work. So the only thing left for him to do in Politics was to name the Candidates and put all of his Highbinder on the Payroll.

He was editorially roasted, but, just the same, when a Representative Citizen wanted to run for anything he found it advisable to go around and

Terror to the Hearts of all Despoilers of Liberty. In other Words, he wanted to be County Treasurer.

Now, the Off Year in Politics is no Hungarian Joke to the Mark who has kissed good-by to his shekels and taken a Gambler's Chance. He wants to hold a Leather Chair in a Mahogany Office in the County Building and have a Push Bell in front of him and a Box of Perfumes on the Rolltop and draw about eight Samoleons a Minute while the cheap Help does all the Heavy Work.

Of every ten Patriots who are now twining vitrified Brick at the Money Power, at least nine are hoping that some day the grateful Voters will rise up and compel them to use Leather Chairs.

As for the would-be Treasurer, after he had spent \$800 to see his Picture on Telegraph Poles and had bought Tickets to some eighty-five Social Hops, to say nothing of what he had slipped the Boss, he felt that if he did not land in the County Building, the whole Fabric of the Government would begin to unravel.

Under ordinary Conditions he was a Chilly Proposition who failed to recognize any one who did not wear a Tall Hat and belong to four or five Clubs. But after the lightning struck him and he became the People's Choice, he would tear across the Street to shake Hands with all varieties of Trash and ask them how everything seemed to be going.

As a Rule they did not know what he was driving at, for in an Off Year the Candidate who has made a powerful Ante is the only Mortal who is dead sure that there is going to be an Election. The general run of the Public was waiting the price of Coal and trying to guess the Football Scores, so that when the Laboring Man's Friend began his Canvass he was appalled at the General Apathy. The very Foundations of our blood-bought Institutions were being undermined by the loathsome Opposition and no one seemed to care a Continental. When the Popular Choice for County Treasurer appeared at a Hall to make an Address showing why the Panama Canal was a Necessary and how Ireland's Wrongs would be righted if only he could land as County Treasurer, he would find about a dozen Fellow-Citizens without Over-



The Popular Candidate Appeared to Make an Address.

place himself right with the frog-faced Boss.

He was a Modest Man, was the Campaigner with the eighteen-inch Neck. He did not ask to have his picture on any Transparencies. When a cut-and-dried Programme was being pulled off he never made any Speeches from the Platform. If he had anything to say he said it in a husky Whisper and up an Alley. The very thing was done by Proxy, for he had on his Staff several fourteen-karat Lawyers, each of whom hoped to be State's Attorney some day when the Voters were not looking.

This eminent Disciple of the String Game was the one who picked out the Candidate for County Treasurer. There was another Aspirant who had a Petition signed by 14,000 Property Owners, but when it came to a show-down at the Primaries he had only seventeen votes, and eight of these were thrown out by the Judges because one of the would-be Delegates had his Name misspelled. Which shows what can be done to the Independent when he tries to buck the Machine.

The Candidate for County Treasurer yielded to the entreaties of his Friends and permitted the use of his Name as soon as he had it figured out to him that by freezing on to the Interest on Public Funds he could rake off about 20,000 Louies Annually. As soon as the free and untrammelled Convention had named him by Acclamation, he fought his Way through the Cigar Smoke and made a Speech of Acceptance. He said that he had only one Object in Life, and that was to give the Taxpayer a Square Deal, and



The Election Was About as Exciting as a Quaker Meeting.

Trusts were a growing Danger, likewise it was our Duty to spread the Blessings of Freedom in the far off Islands of the Pacific, inasmuch as a reasonable Tariff Revision seemed imperative, because the Workman had a right to organize in the interests of Arbitration, all of which could be accomplished if the Sovereign Voters would rally around him, and on the 4th day of next November, with their Ballots, as fall the Snowflakes, strike

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His Heart Failed Him Till the Tiger's Understudy Spoke.

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"Two pounds!" echoed Plannigan. "Good gracious, is there so much gold in the world? Right, sir!"

So Patsy dressed up as the lion and lay down in the cage. The menagerie doors were opened and the performance commenced, says London Answers.

"Ladies and gentlemen, and the keeper, to show the wonderful docility of these animals, we will now place the lion in the cage with the tiger."

"Man, are ye mad?" said Patsy. "Think of me wife and children!"

"Get in," replied the keeper, "or I'll run this pitfork through you." Patsy thought he might as well die one way as another, so he crawled into the tiger's cage, and when he saw the animal's big, ferocious eyes fixed on him he uttered a doleful wail and commenced praying in Irish. The tiger walked over to him.

"What's the matter wid ye?" said he. "Shure, man, ye needn't be afraid. I'm Irish meself!"

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A group of just seven and of course no two alike:

One handsome crepe de chine robe with trimming of Irish crochet lace, originally \$125.00, reduced to—\$48.00.

One cream ecru lace robe, originally \$90.00, for this sale—\$50.00.

One cream chantilly lace robe, beautifully trimmed in applied cream velvet, instead of \$75.00 now—\$42.00.

One black chantilly lace robe, richly trimmed with moire silk, reduced from \$75.00 to—\$39.00.

Two lace robes in black and white effects, one elaborately trimmed with black velvet, the other with taffeta silk and priced \$80.00 each, now—\$29.00.

One pink swiss robe, formerly priced \$50.00, for this sale—\$15.00.

Black Grenadines Up to \$5.00 a Yard—\$2.90.

Black grenadines of high degree—not the ordinary sort, but purest silk or silk and fine wool mixed; the handiwork looms can produce as you may know from the regular selling prices, \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.00 a yard qualities for—\$2.90.

Seventy-five Ready-to-Wear Dresses for Women—Half Priced.

Seventy-five smart, stylish suits, made of serges, chevots, broadcloth and covers, in black, brown, red, blue and gray colors. Jaunty blouses with black grid and bow at back, or others with belts of self material; Norfolk jacket styles and close fitting tops. The skirts of many have silk drop petticoats. Walking lengths and visiting dresses. Prices range \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 to \$50.00. Monday and week—JUST HALF THESE PRICES.

Silk Petticoats Up to \$10.00 for—\$6.75.

One line too many—that's all. Getting time to see fewer silk petticoats here. These are made of excellent quality taffeta silk, in black, changeable and other desirable colors; accordion flounce finished with narrow ruching, dust ruffle. Some were \$7.50, but others up to \$10.00 each. Monday and the week—\$6.75.

Fancy Linen Centerpieces. In Domestic Store.

Freshly arrived, Perfect linens. Snowy white, beautifully woven, the patterns so rich and lustrous they stand out like embossing, almost. Two sizes, 24 and 27-inch squares, plain or with open work in the centers and hemstitched borders. One hundred and twenty-five center pieces, altogether, which we secured at a third to 40 per cent under market value. Come Monday and week, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 is surprisingly little price for any one.

"Doris"—\$3.50 Shoes for Women.

Shoes of merit, indeed! They've stood the test of several years here and wearers are just as enthusiastic now as when we first sold them. "Doris" comes in every leather—enamel kid, patent kid, patent calf, vici kid and box calf, and in every heel style—the Louis arch, Cuban, military and common sense; as well shapes for elderly women's comfort, built on broad toe lasts with very flat heels and made of softest leather. All kinds—\$3.50.

Children's \$1.00 Kid Gloves—75c.

A five dozen group. Soft, pretty kidskin, well cut, well fitting little gloves; tan, brown and red in sizes 4 1/2 to 6 1/2, two clasps; reduced from \$1.00 a pair to—75c.

Beaded Bags and Coin Purses Greatly Price Lessened.

An interesting little lot of jet bead bags in different sizes and shapes that must be cleared away, so these prices Monday until gone. The 35c sizes for—15c; the \$1.00 for—43c; the \$1.50 for—63c; the \$2.00 for—87c.

In the coin purse group are some splendid values. Many different styles, many sizes in black and colored leathers. Coin purses sold at 25c to 50c each, commencing Monday, choice—15c.

Perfumes. Idaline Skin Preparations.

Some of the splendid Babcock perfumes—recently demonstrated in this store—for a three days' introductory sale. Cut Rose, Heliotrope, Honeysuckle, Ylang and a number of other odors sold regularly at 50c an ounce. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—48c.

If you wish to know the best skin food, skin bleach specific to remove any kind of skin blemish—freckles, brown spots, black heads, etc.—hair tonic or perfectly harmless rouge, do not fail to consult the demonstrator of Madam Idaline preparations. They are invaluable to every woman's dressing table. Found in center aisle, near stairs.

White House Cook Book. Piano Polish.

A small number of "White House" cook books, contain over five hundred recipes, besides other helps to the housewife, bound in white oil cloth, sold elsewhere and always at \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—85c.

"Luster" piano and furniture polish, will restore original finish, three days, the 35c bottles for—22c.

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'Tis always pleasant to learn of greatly reduced price on something one expected to get but pay full regular cost for. The winter festivities have begun, and the evening gown is being given due consideration, likewise the theatre waist and visiting dress. In this offering, then, opportunity is afforded for your having all three--and you choose, of course--yet pay little more, if as much as you had intended expending for one. Read what follows for Monday and the week:

\$4.50 to \$5.00 a Yard Pine Apple Tissues—\$1.75.

Beautiful pine apple tissues, pure silk, fine as cobwebbing almost, charming fabric for dinner or evening gown, 54 inches wide; these the \$4.50 and \$5.00 a yard grades, Monday and the week—\$1.75.

Rich Moire Velour Silk at 75c instead of \$1.25 a Yard.

Fifteen pieces of newest moire velour silks in cream color, ivory, rose, tan, turquoise, light blue, pink, brown, goblin blue and reseda—a beautiful waist for street or theatre, Monday and week the \$1.25 a yard grade—75c.

All Pattern Suitings at One-fourth Off Prices.

Over two hundred of the season's most attractive and exclusive imported dress patterns, indeed all we bought go at this wondrous underpricing which is attributable to one cause only—balmy weather instead of the crisp, nipping kind. The splendid number indicates that the gathering is not narrow, but comprises the most desirable and newest of weaves, such as—close sheared zibelines, rough effects, voiles, aeolins, mistral and many, many others which make into handsome tailor or street gowns. A full pattern in each and sold until now at \$15.00 to \$40.00 each. Monday and week choose any and have—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF REGULAR PRICE.

Men's Union Suits at Half Prices.

Ten dozens of most excellent union suits—perfect fitting kinds, well finished, woven smoothly of fine wools. All sizes. A greater stock here than there should be owing to unseasonable weather for this time of year, so a clearance. Monday and week—

The \$2.00 union suits—\$1.00.

The \$3.00 for—\$1.50.

The \$3.50 for—\$1.75.

Broken Lines of Handsome Dress Trimmings and Ruchings.

A tempting lot has been made up of broken lines of dress trimmings in silk applique and galeon effects, white with threads of gold running through or with color, lace effects, Persian and black, originally sold up to \$3.00 a yard, Monday and the week, if they last so long—50c.

A few taffeta silk and braid ornaments, black only, originally \$5.00, Monday and while they last—\$1.00.

Hercules braids, dark blue, dark green and red only, 1 1/2 inches wide, up to 25c a yard for—5c.

Narrow silk ruchings, white, pink, blue and maize, make dainty finish for evening waist, collars or sleeves, up to 50c a yard for—5c.

In the Needlework Store.

Some dainty baskets just arrived. Made of sweet grass, in a variety of cute, pretty shapes—round shopping baskets that fold together, safe as well as unique; work baskets of all sizes and kinds; twine baskets, hair pin baskets, handkerchief baskets and candy baskets. Don't they make you think the holiday time is not far distant? 25c up to \$3.25 each.

Some 36-inch silklines, Persian designs in blue, green and pink, reduced from 15c a yard to—11c.

Some German knitting yarns, red, blue, brown, tan, gray shades, originally 35c a skein now—13c.

Fashionable Hats for Big Boys and Little.

A more varied or delightful showing we've never had, so the equal has not been in the city. Broad brim velvet hats and camel hair felt shapes with "smartness" stamped all about them. To be worn with the juvenile suits—50c to \$3.50.

For the larger boys, the Tuxedo and Fifth avenue shapes; manish styles; black, pearl and silver gray. Caps in profusion—50c to \$1.75.

Reduced Prices on Women's Knit Silk Garments. 75c Fancy Half Hose—48c.

Broken line of women's silk vests, dainty pink and blue, low neck, sleeveless, \$1.75 regular, Monday and week—\$1.25. Some in cream silk that were \$1.50 for—\$1.00.

Women's silk vests, pink and blue, with high neck, long sleeves, reduced from \$2.25 to—\$1.75.

Broken line of choice silk and wool mixed union suits for women, low neck, short sleeves, reduced from \$8.00 to—\$4.00.

Women's fancy stockings, fall weight cotton with white, red or yellow silk stripes, reduced from 75c a pair to—48c.

"Iris" Pottery Vases Nearly Half Priced.

Only a few left, so a clearance. Pretty shapes with chrysanthemum, fleur de lis and miniature designs, vases are 8 to 12 inches high. Monday and while they last—the \$1.50 size for—87c; the \$2.25 for—\$1.15; the \$3.00 for—\$1.68.

Notion Store Offerings.

Black belting, plaids and fancy, a little lot only and sold at 30c to 65c a yard, Monday and while it lasts—HALF THESE PRICES.

Frilled lisle side elastics, pink, blue, lavender, orange and red, instead of 25c a pair—15c.

"Alko" white silk dress shields, sizes 3 and 4 only, reduced from 35c and 40c a pair to—25c.

All black dress shields or with white facing, sizes 3 and 4, 25c and 30c a pair, now—15c.

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